

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Jay M. Short et al. Art Unit: 1652
Serial No.: 08/876,276 Examiner P. Tung
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Title: HIGH THROUGHPUT SCREENING FOR NOVEL ENZYMES

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Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

This is a request under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the **Office Action** mailed on December 7, 1999.

The requested extension is for three (3) months, extending the period for response to June 7, 2000.

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CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR §1.8

I hereby certify that the documents referred to as enclosed herein are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail on this date, **June 6, 2000**, in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.

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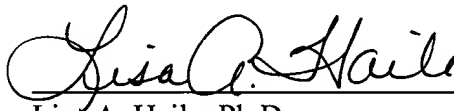
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A check in the amount of \$498.00 is enclosed (\$435.00 to cover the fee for the three (3) months Extension of Time; (\$63.00 for additional claims). Please charge any additional fees associated with the filing submitted herewith, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1355. A copy of this Petition is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: 6/6/00



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